Assume that Human Behavior Will Introduce Vulnerabilities into Your System

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People introduce vulnerability.

Description

This is the superclass of guidelines related to human behavior. It is presently a placeholder. We have not defined any subsidiary guidelines and, for the present, do not intend to. It is meant to make clear the dichotomy between technologically and socially related advice.

Note that the existence of this class is predicated on the assumption that the "system" under discussion *does* include the humans who use it.

There is a distinction between behavior of the "good guys" and the "bad guys." We do not regard adversary behavior as falling under this class. This class covers what might be called "inappropriate" good guy behavior, sometimes called "abuse." Adversarial behaviors are covered in an entirely different group of documents called "attack patterns."

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